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I-S AID TO WESTINGHOUSE STRIKERS STARTS ROLLING



In response to a special call, I-S Stewards jammed Hotel Martinique to hear their officers and IUE appeal for aid for Westinghouse strikers. The Stewards suggested and approved continuing aid for strike's duration.

Wage Talks Advance as Fact-Finders Complete Hearings on Inequity Data

Negotiations moved ahead as fact-finding hearings on more than 200 job inequalities were completed, and discussion on their merits got underway, Vice President Phil Hoffstein announced.

The hearings, conducted by five Union and five Macy negotiators, took more than two weeks to complete.

On the committee for local I-S are Vice President Hoffstein, Charles Boyd, Harry Leibowitz, Olga Moscatelli and Frieda Pariser, who were designated to serve on the fact-finding sub-committee in addition to their duties as members of the full Negotiating Committee.

The facts relating to each job in question were submitted by the Shop Steward or other well qualified spokesmen. The Union's Administrators were also on hand to provide the committee with vital data concerning job content.

Said Vice President Hoffstein, "I have only the highest praise and respect for the work of the committee members and those who have appeared before them."

The sub-committee is charged with the responsibility of seeking all possible areas of agreement, now that it has all the facts before it. The committee will not, however, make final disposition of any of the inequalities. All of

them, both those on which agreement has been reached and those on which there is disagreement, will be submitted to the entire Negotiating Committee for final action.

What Yardstick?

While in past negotiations Macy's has accepted job comparisons based on generally lower paying stores, the company made it clear that they were not happy with this year's comparisons with higher paid sections of the Macy chain.

Speaking for the sub-committee, Vice President Phil Hoffstein said, "there is no doubt that Macy's would have been only too happy if we compared our job rates with those they pay in the unorganized stores. They claim to see no logic to our comparing jobs in Macy's New York with similar jobs elsewhere in the organized parts of the Macy chain."

"The days head," said the Vice President, "will clearly show us if Macy's is ready to negotiate or whether they will devote the time looking for excuses to ignore our just demands."

Other Demands

Meetings of the entire Negotiating Committee and Macy's were to be resumed shortly after President Kovenetsky's return from the AFL-CIO Executive

Board meeting in mid-February.

New Committee

An additional sub-committee, this one under the leadership of Vice President Bill Atkinson, is to deal with preliminary negotiations relating to health, welfare and pension demands.

President Sam Kovenetsky announced that plans for the new committee would be submitted to Macy's at the next negotiating session, and that the names of committee members would be made known shortly after Macy acceptance of the proposal.

Five trucks were loaded with food and a sum that was expected to exceed \$3,000 was collected in a one-day drive by members of Local I-S on behalf of 55,000 striking Westinghouse workers who belong to the IUE, AFL-CIO. A call for a Union-wide collection of a dollar a week for the duration of the strike was approved unanimously by the Union's Shop Stewards.

Cornell Classes For Stewards Begin March 14

Shop Steward classes in Grievance Procedures and Leadership Training, sponsored by Local I-S and conducted by Cornell University Extension School, are scheduled to begin at the Union office on March 14th.

In a letter to the Shop Stewards of the Herald Square store, President Sam Kovenetsky urged their enrollment and added that:

"Local I-S hopes to be able to select a group from among those completing various training programs who will be eligible for a paid summer school fellowship. This will depend both on the caliber of the work done in the training program and satisfactory completion of arrangements with a recognized school."

While enrollment for the March 14th course is limited to Herald Square Stewards, similar classes will be planned for branch store leaders if there is sufficient interest.

The eight-week course is designed to strengthen the Steward's know-how in the handling of grievances and to further develop his ability to give leadership.

A Cornell University Extension School diploma will be awarded for satisfactory completion of the course.

At Herald Square, Parkchester, Jamaica, Flatbush and White Plains I-S'ers dug deep to give a clear demonstration of true labor solidarity.

For many, it was a case of doing for others as they would have others do for them. This was coupled with the general realization that the Westinghouse workers, in more than four months on the picket lines, were showing employers everywhere that labor was ready and able to defend its hard-won gains.

Careful Planning

To assure the success of the initial collection, there was the most carefully planned coordination between the Union's officers, staff, Stewards and Floor Committees.

A specially called meeting of Stewards gave rousing support to appeals by President Sam Kovenetsky, Vice President Phil Hoffstein, and Paul Jennings, Secretary-Treasurer of IUE's District 4.

In describing some of the highlights of the long Westinghouse struggle, Mr. Jennings said, "I want to first thank you—and the 8,000 people you represent—for the generous support you gave to our IUE members during the strike at the Arma company."

"For IUE 1955 was a rough year, first with a strike against Sperry, then the Arma strike, and now the Westinghouse strike."

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A helping hand on 34th Street. I-S'ers filled barrels with food and clothing sorely needed by striking Westinghouse workers. Inside the store all-out fund campaign went on. Outsiders gave more than \$100.

Worth Talking About



By President Sam Kovenetsky

THE RECENT MEETING OF THE AFL-CIO Executive Board proved to be quite an experience for those of us who cut our teeth and grew up in the CIO. The blending of the old, as represented by the AFL, and the new, personified by the CIO, is obviously going to require time, patience and understanding. But there is no doubt in my mind that the end result will fully justify all that is put into it.

Some old-timers of the AFL put a lot of emphasis on pomp and protocol. One example of the stiff formality they observe is that when they enter a room for a meeting, it is the most senior person who enters first—and on down the line. And when they leave the room, it is the junior member who leaves first.

By comparison, the CIO'ers are full of the brashness of youth. There is more hustle and bustle and an easy familiarity among them. They can't help but give the impression of men who have something to do and who are determined to do it.

AFL-CIO PRESIDENT MEANY is the main bridge between the two groups and he has the unenviable job of trying to adapt the old, deep-rooted customs to the changes the merger has brought about.

The Board concerned itself with many things. It put the AFL-CIO squarely behind the drive to organize Florida's hotels, and sponsored the biggest labor rally the South has ever seen. It took a careful look at the fight for civil rights and soundly denounced the segregationists and their White Citizens Councils. It examined the need for a national campaign to organize the unorganized, but deferred announcement of a starting date until certain jurisdictional problems could be cleared away. It considered the need for increasing the federal minimum wage to \$1.25 an hour and extending coverage of the law to millions of additional workers, and acted to gather facts needed to support a legislative fight.

THERE WERE SOME WHO EXPECTED that the AFL-CIO merger would signal an immediate re-birth of the kind of fighting spirit and action which marked CIO's early years. Those people might be inclined to feel "let down" or "disappointed."

The fact is, however, that even though the merged organization has not yet begun rolling at full speed, the labor movement today commands more respect and has more real impact than ever before.

The very fact that the merger makes it possible for unions to sit and calmly discuss their jurisdictional claims is a long step forward. And it is a step that gives no aid or comfort to the employers who were formerly able to count on the continued division of the workers as a means of evading their own responsibilities.

NOR IS THERE ANY COMFORT FOR the employers in the fact that a national organizing campaign is being planned. Surely, we would have all been delighted if it had been possible to strip away all the problems and launch such a drive immediately after the merger was approved. But the fact is that we know it's coming—and so do the employers!

Just try to imagine what it meant to the millions of unorganized workers in the South to have the AFL-CIO call a mass meeting right in the backyard of the nation's worst labor-haters! Twelve thousand workers in the state of Florida alone came to that rally—and we can be sure that they went away inspired and better prepared to do a job of organizing than ever before.

And think of the greater possibilities we have of winning our long-sought goal of a \$1.25 minimum and the protection of the law! Is there any doubt that 15 million workers, pulling on the same oar, can be far more effective than anything we have known in the past? Is there any question but that the re-doubled efforts of such groups as the National Retail Dry Goods Association and American Retail Federation are a frank acknowledgment of the greater strength we now possess?

ROUGH SPOTS ARE BOUND TO APPEAR as the work of integrating the two arms of the labor movement goes ahead. But the important thing is that we are moving in the direction of full unification. There is no question in my mind that many of our daily newspapers will gleefully exaggerate every difference into a major division. They will look for trouble—and perhaps even try to make some. Their aim will be to create doubt within the labor movement and about it.

The merged organization has already been denounced as a "labor monopoly" and we can expect the name-calling to get worse. But labor knows—and the labor-haters know—that they attack us because they fear us. We don't especially want anyone to be afraid of us, but we must certainly want everyone to respect us—and that respect the merger is earning for all of labor.

DeSapio Silent on I-S Request For Minimum Pay Aid, Unseating Donovan

Carmine DeSapio, chairman of New York's Democratic Party and chief sponsor of Governor Harriman for President has failed to answer three questions put to him by Local I-S which have a direct bearing on the welfare of the members.

Of necessity, Local I-S like many other unions, takes a strong interest in political action and has often expressed the view that it is not enough to simply vote for a candidate, but that labor should also take a part in determining

what the issues and who the candidates should be.

With that in mind, Local I-S put the following questions to Mr. DeSapio:

1. Will you take whatever steps are necessary to mobilize New York State's Assemblymen and Senators in support of legislative action for a statewide \$1.25 minimum wage?

2. Will you use the influence of your position to encourage Industrial Commissioner Lubin's convening of Wage Board hear-

ings on minimum wages for the department store industry?

3. Recognizing that in its last compilation of voting records for the New York Democratic Congressional delegation, the CIO found all but one (Mr. Donovan) acceptable, will you use the influence of your position to withhold the Democratic Party's designation from Mr. Donovan and seek to replace him with a candidate acceptable to labor and the community at large?

Why the Silence?

Making Mr. DeSapio's silence baffling is the fact that Governor Harriman has taken a strong position in favor of the \$1.25 minimum on a national basis, but has thus far failed to show signs of positive action in New York State.

Mr. Donovan's record in Congress is one that is openly hostile to labor and is a black eye on the face of the Democratic Party, yet DeSapio appears unwilling to commit himself to his replacement.

The voters of Local I-S would still like either an answer to the questions or an explanation for the silence. How about it, Mr. DeSapio?

WHAT'LL YOU HAVE? ACTIVITIES GROUP ASKS PROGRAM ADVICE

What kind of good time do you enjoy most? What kind of program will bring you to the social activities sponsored by Local I-S?

These are the questions which members of the Activities Com-

mittee are doing their best to answer, but which they can answer best of all with your help.

They start off with the knowledge that everybody enjoys some kind of relaxation. At one time or another, almost everyone goes to the movies, plays a sociable game of cards with friends, goes dancing.

With this in mind, the Committee has sponsored a series of card parties and movie nights. And though they have been good—they just have not been good enough!

Those who have come to these affairs have all enjoyed themselves. They have brought friends and family and spent a couple of pleasant hours. But not enough have come, and the Committee is convinced that the members want something more than has been offered.

The big hitch is that the Committee does not know for sure what it is the members want.

That is why they would like you to drop a postcard to them—the Social Activities Committee, Local I-S, 290 Seventh Avenue—to let them know the kind of program that you will enjoy and participate in.

Looking Ahead

On the calendar is a card party, set for Friday, March 16th at the Union office.

The card party offers door prizes, coffee and cake and an evening of fun—all for only 25 cents.

Tickets may be bought through your Activities Committee representative, your Floor Committee or at the Union office.

Other recreational evenings are planned for the near future and will depend, in part, on your response to the Committee's appeal for help in planning the most fun for the most members.

Write your postcard today! Then come and join the fun!

turn, you can be sure that we will stand shoulder-to-shoulder with you should you need our help. This is the kind of unity that makes victories possible for all!"

Westinghouse...

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"Our International and locals have completely exhausted their resources—and their ability to borrow. We are now at the point where we must rely completely on the understanding and the generosity of the rest of the labor movement. Our victory is in your hands!"

Company Cops

Pointing to the fact that Westinghouse has spared no effort to break the strike, Mr. Jennings declared that, "This has gone so far that in mid-western towns the company has put sheriffs and deputy sheriffs on their payroll. Even during their hours of 'public duty' of supposedly maintaining peace, they are working for Westinghouse at three dollars an hour doing their best to disturb the peace they're supposed to keep!"

Praises Aid

"The program of unions in the New York area for raising one million dollars has started producing results, and is most heartening," the IUE leader declared.

He pointed out, however, that one million dollars will provide four dollars a week to each striker for only four weeks, and that most of the 55,000 strikers are denied unemployment insurance benefits while on the picket lines. "The only way we can win," he said, "is to guarantee to the workers that we won't let them be starved out!"

Expressing confidence in the support of Local I-S, Mr. Jennings concluded his appeal by saying, "the IUE, and most other unions, know and respect the record of your union. We know that we can count on your help because you have so clearly shown your understanding and your generosity in the past. And in re-

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Curiosity Wins 22½ Cent Raise, Retroactive Pay

Margaret Marmion works 16 hours a week in the Womens Slipper Department as a Saturday-only salesclerk.

Since Saturday-onlies do not become eligible for Union membership and Union benefits until they have completed six months of Macy service, Margaret—like all other SO's—was hired at only 75 cents an hour.

In the middle of November Margaret had completed her six months and had joined the Union—but nothing had changed for her, except that she carried a I-S card and had a vague idea that there were some benefits she ought to get from her membership.

It wasn't until the end of January that she got curious and went to 6th Floor Executive Board member Nick Russo. She said she thought she was entitled to a five cent an hour raise when she joined the Union, but she wasn't really sure.

Checking the rate book, Russo found that she was entitled to a raise of 22½ cents an hour, which brought her hourly rate up to 97½ cents instead of the 82 cents she had hopefully expected.

By the time the retroactive pay was figured it came to more than \$43.

As 8,000 members before her have discovered, Margaret is thoroughly convinced that it pays to belong to Local I-S!

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Trail blazers for happy retirement. First group of prospective 1-S retirees meets to discuss problems and plans. Informal sessions will hear experts on all phases of life in retirement.

Survey Shows Medic Fees Based On Income; 1-S Plan Protects Members

To members of Local 1-S using the services of the Union's medical panel—the Associated Physician's Medical Group—there is no problem of a sliding scale of fees.

To those members who do not avail themselves of this service, and to the millions of people who do not enjoy the advantages of group insurance or medical care, the problem is real and costly. Some of the murk that has always made a mystery of how much doctors charge for their services—and why—has been cleared away by more than a year of painful research by Redbook Magazine.

The results were published in the January issue of the magazine. The rift in the clouds of secrecy is small, but it is large enough to admit a little light to an area where it is badly needed.

Info Hard to Get

"The information," the article asserts in what appears to be a masterpiece of understatement, "was extremely difficult to get. . . . There is no claim that the figures are the last authoritative word on medical fees all over the country. But they certainly are the first."

What Redbook did was to determine the standard fees physicians in eleven large cities demand of their patients for house calls, office calls and ten types of surgery. The charges in each case

are for simple, uncomplicated care and apply to persons in the \$5,000 to \$6,000 per year income bracket.

Offhand, the tabulations indicate that it costs least to be ill in New Haven and costs most in San Antonio.

An office call in New Haven is \$4 or \$5, a house call \$5 to \$7. In San Antonio the office call is the same, the house call from \$6 to \$10.

In the ten common operations, the average New Haven fee is smaller in every case—by as little as \$25 for surgical removal of hemorrhoids or the repair of a hernia (one side) to as much as \$75 in case of delivery of a baby by caesarian section or correction of one crossed eye.

The New Haven fees range from \$40 for removal of tonsils and adenoids to \$125 for a caesarian delivery, correction of one crossed eye, repair of hernia or appendectomy. In San Antonio, they go from \$75 for the tonsils and adenoids job and treatment following miscarriage to \$200 for a caesarian delivery and the crossed eye operation.

Local 1-S members, covered by the Health Plan and using the services of the medical panel would pay nothing for these operations!

In trying to determine what the doctors use in setting their fees, Redbook came up with four cri-

teria which seem, on close examination, to be less significant than they appear.

They are the income level of the area, the patient's income, the size of the city and the doctor's training and skill.

For information about the Local 1-S medical program write for the Union's booklet, "Here's to Your Health" or see your Administrator.

1-S "Oldtimers" Meet the Experts For Help With Planning Retirement

A hardy group of Local 1-S "old-timers," some with more than 30 years of Macy service to their credit, gathered around a table at the Union office to begin planning for a happy retirement, which all of them look forward to "in the very near future."

The February 15th occasion was the first in a series of informal discussions aimed at exploring the problems and possibilities of a useful retirement.

Dr. Anthony Gabriele, a psychologist formerly on the Mayor's Advisory Committee for the Aged and now in the staff of Bellevue Hospital, was the first expert con-

sultant to meet with the group.

He is to be followed by the best qualified men in such fields as the medical and emotional problems of the aging, budgeting and Social Security. The group will also have the benefit of expert guidance in discussing what others have done in retirement and how to plan for their own.

The project is considered of prime importance by the officers of Local 1-S in view of the rapidly increasing number of members eligible for retirement.

Members are encouraged to bring their husbands or wives to the Wednesday sessions as their "partners in retirement."

One member of the group, Simon Mandel, said that he was deeply grateful for the formation of the group "because I have been studying this problem of retirement for three years and have barely scratched the surface. By exchanging ideas and sharing interests and problems, all of us will be much better able to face the future."

Those present at the first meeting were Louis Braun, Morris Epstein, Harry Ferber, Simon Mandel, Frank McDonald, Louisa Prior, Irene Schley, Ethel Singer and Joseph Sottosant.



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'Citizens Councils' Menace America As Nazis Did Germany—Rev. Delaine



Rev. Joseph A. Delaine, President Sam Kovenetsky and Anti-Discrimination chairman Al DeLagarde chat before meeting. In background is panel of Union's exhibit marking contribution of minorities to U. S. life.

Enrollment Begins For Union's Camping; Friendly Town, Program

Enrollment in the Local 1-S camp and Friendly Town summer program is now opened for the children of the Union's members.

Although Spring is still three weeks off and Summer seems ages away, now is the time to make arrangements for low-cost or no-cost vacations for the youngsters.

The Local 1-S program, in conjunction with the Greater New York Fund, is now in its third year. Without exception, the dozens of children ranging in age from 7 to 13 who have have participated in the camp program have all had wonderful times.

Camp fees, up to \$10 per week, are determined solely by a member's ability to pay. All camps meet the highest standards of physical conditions and supervision.

Youngsters leaving home for the first time have found Friendly Town homes an exciting and satisfying vacation experience.

Friendly Town, sponsored by the New York Herald Tribune in conjunction with the CIO Community Services Committee, gives

children all the fun of the country with the security of the home—at no cost.

Each Friendly Town home to which children are sent has been carefully screened to determine its fitness.

As a rule, youngsters are sent only to those homes where they will find companions of their own age. Usually several families in a community make up a Friendly Town, and plan outings and activities for their city guests.

Enroll Now!

If you are among the many parents anxious to make as sure as possible that your child—or children—will be away from the heat of the city for at least a couple of weeks, be sure to make your application now.

Application blanks are available at the Union office and may be obtained in person or by mail. They should be filled out and returned as quickly as possible to: Local 1-S Camp Program 290 Seventh Avenue New York 1, New York

Tracing a parallel between the rise of nazism in Germany and conditions in the South, Reverend Joseph A. Delaine told an intent Local 1-S group that, "The Nazis started on the Jews and didn't stop until all their people, and many others, had been conquered. If they are not stopped, the White Citizens Councils will do the same thing!"

Reverend Delaine, initiator of one of the five lawsuits for 'equal education' to reach the Supreme Court, was the featured speaker at a meeting climaxing the Union's observance of Negro History and Brotherhood Weeks.

The audience was quick to recognize, in spite of The Reverend Delaine's simplicity, the fact that he is one of the men who has heroically withstood pressure and assault as he gave leadership in the fight to extend Constitutional freedom to all people.

"The White Citizens Council is trying to break down every man who stands up against it," he declared in his first appearance before any union group.

Retribution

Among his many word pictures of a Negro's life in the South Rev. Delaine described the start of the long legal battle for equal education by saying that he had "helped turn the people's anger into a successful case."

Following the Supreme Court's historic desegregation decision, the school authorities of Clarendon County, South Carolina, brought suit against Rev. Delaine for "slander". An all-white jury awarded them \$20,000. "When I was unable to pay," the Reverend said, "my house was burned down and they seized the insurance."

Shocked

Al DeLagarde, chairman of the Union's Anti-Discrimination Committee and of the meeting, said he was "shocked at the comparatively poor attendance and the realization of how much work must be done to overcome complacency." He urged his audience to "carry back to the store the message that while things may be

all right in Macy's they are not all right everywhere else." He suggested that one way of helping would be for more members to join the Anti-Discrimination Committee.

President Sam Kovenetsky, who introduced the Rev. Delaine, said that "While the Negro people are certainly singled out, we must recognize that all minorities suffer discrimination."

"The turnout tonight," President Kovenetsky concluded, "shows how many have yet to learn that discrimination is everyone's business and that we all have a stake in the fight against it."

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Jury to Sift Facts in Suit Against Macy's False Arrest, Imprisonment

Beatrice Outwater's suit for damages against Macy's for "false arrest and imprisonment" will be tried before a judge and jury, Union attorney Asher Schwartz advised the Local 1-S NEWS.

A pre-trial examination of "all officers, agents and employees of the company having knowledge of the facts" is planned, Mr. Schwartz said.

Macy's, following customary legal procedures, has entered with the court a general denial of Mrs.

Outwater's allegation of false arrest and imprisonment although the company did not file criminal charges against her.

Mrs. Outwater was held by the Protection Department, under guard, from about 6:30PM until 11:30PM on the night of September 15, 1955.

She was denied the right and opportunity to telephone her home or friends, was without representation and without food and drink during the entire period.

She was questioned persistently during the five hours she was held, and was not released until she signed a statement.

Declined Arbitration

Local 1-S, following an investigation into the facts, wanted to appeal her discharge through arbitration. Mrs. Outwater, however, insisted that she would not return to work for Macy's after her experience. She chose, instead, to protect her rights through legal action against the company, which is now pending.

Announcement of the suit for damages stirred considerable in-

terest among Local 1-S members. Many have long insisted that the high-handed, high-pressure methods of the Protection Department were an unwarranted invasion of their legal rights.

In a special article prepared for the February 1st issue of the Local 1-S NEWS, attorney Asher Schwartz stressed the fact that no worker is required to surrender his legal rights when he accepts a job at Macy's.

In his article, Mr. Schwartz pointed out that a worker "has the basic right to refuse to answer any questions, but, if he does, he puts his job in jeopardy."

If the worker is willing to answer questions, he should agree to sign a statement, said Mr. Schwartz, provided that: "1) he is certain that the statement is complete and wholly accurate, 2) that he is furnished with a duplicate copy of the statement, and 3) that he is given an opportunity to correct the statement within a reasonable period of time if subsequent recollection or reference to records shows that his original statement was not wholly accurate."

Official Notice

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 3rd, 7:00 P.M.

MANHATTAN CENTER
34th Street & 8th Avenue

\$2 Assessment to the Welfare Fund for unexcused absence
Admission by 1956 Union Card only

Macy Slips— Fails to Say 1-S'ers Don't Pay

The sight of a small slip raised many eyebrows when it appeared in pay envelopes the week of February 13th.

The slip, from the Salary Office, listed scheduled monthly payroll deductions during 1956. Included were the dates on which money is to be withheld for payment of Blue Cross Hospitalization.

What the slip did not state was that Blue Cross deductions do not apply to members of Local 1-S. Union members have their entire Health Plan—including Blue Cross—paid for by Macy's under the terms of the contract.

No member of Local 1-S will have any Blue Cross deductions made from his pay envelope!

OFFICIAL NOTICE Divisional Meeting Schedule

This is the only official notice to be given for Divisional Meetings for all members including Saturday-onlies and Fractionals.

Admission will be by 1956 Union card. An unexcused absence will be liable to a \$2 assessment to the Welfare Fund as provided for

in Article IX, Section 4 of the Local 1-S Constitution.

Absence excuses must be filed with your Shop Steward within five days before or after the scheduled date of your meeting.

BE SURE TO ATTEND!

GROUP	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Food (PT)	Tues. Mar. 6	4:45pm	Auditorium
Food (FT)	Tues. Mar. 6	7:15pm	Auditorium
2nd Floor (PT)	Wed. Mar. 7	5:00pm	Auditorium
2nd Floor (FT)	Wed. Mar. 7	6:45pm	Auditorium
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Ad-Display	Thurs. Mar. 8	6:00pm	Auditorium
Alt. & Repair	Fri. Mar. 9	10:45am-6:30pm	Auditorium
3rd Floor (PT)	Tues. Mar. 13	5:00pm	Auditorium
3rd Floor (FT)	Tues. Mar. 13	6:45pm	Auditorium
Beauty Salon	Fri. Mar. 23	7:15pm	Auditorium

(PT)—Part Time, (FT)—Full time

All meetings, except those of the Branch Stores, are to be held at the Union office, 290 Seventh Avenue.

1-S CREDIT UNION OFFERS EASY LOANS TO MEET INCOME TAXES

The Local 1-S Federal Credit Union is ready to assist all members who are distressed by the fact that the deadline for filing income tax returns comes at about the same time that they would normally be trying to budget for new spring outfits.

Money gets mighty scarce at a time like that and Credit Union members have always been thankful that they had their cooperative "bank" to turn to for help in the form of low-cost loans.

The Local 1-S Credit Union, chartered and supervised by the Federal Government has earned a fine reputation for itself based on the high rate of interest it pays on savings, and the easy terms on which it lends.

For detailed information about the Credit Union, how to join, how to save or how to borrow, just call WA 4-4540. You're bound to be pleased with the answers you get!

PERSONALS

FOR SALE—Couch, two chairs, two lamps, 9 x 15 rug—all in good condition. Phone LU 9-4192 before 10 A.M. or after 7 P.M.

FOR SALE—Carriage, nursery lamp, crib bumpers, hot plate, assorted infant supplies. Give away for \$20. Phone IN 1-4250 at any time.

FOR SALE—6 cu. ft. Frigidaire. Excellent condition, very reasonable. Phone NI 5-8423 mornings.

FOR RENT—Furnished room, Flatbush section. \$10 weekly. Please phone NI 6-3089.

WANTED—Small used car in good condition. Phone IL 8-2022 after 5 P.M.

Personal ads for the Local 1-S NEWS must be received at the Union office by the 1st or 15th day of each month. Ads received on the 1st will appear in the issue dated the 15th. Those received on the 15th will appear in the issue dated the 1st of the following month. This is offered as a service to members of Local 1-S and there is no charge for personal ads.

MEDICAL PLAN—For the name and address of the doctor, dentist, optometrist or podiatrist nearest you CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540 or Associated Physicians Medical Group—BU 8-4210 (Night or Day). Complete schedule of fees available upon request.

BLOOD BANK—If you need blood from the Blood Bank CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540.

TO THE EDITOR

GREAT SECURITY

I want to thank you and your office staff for helping me, a part-timer, with the Health Plan. It gave me a sense of great security.

I am proud to be a member of Local 1-S. I am very grateful for the benefits it has achieved for its members.

Please accept my appreciation and gratitude.

Sincerely,
Edith Bowen, 26 Dept.

GRAND FEELING

I want to thank you very much for the box of cookies that you sent to me while I was in the hospital.

It is a grand feeling to be remembered.

Thanks very much.

Sincerely,
Thomas Petrosino, 10 Mfg.

EXCELLENT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Union for our excellent Health Plan. It is certainly proving to be a boon to me and my husband.

Sincerely,
Ethel Weill, 13 Dept.

BIG HELP

Thank you for the check for \$14.50 towards my husband's electrocardiograph and physical exam-

ination. This new extension to our Health Plan is certainly a big help.

In every way our Union is becoming more vital and necessary for us.

Sincerely,
Pauline J. Lonergan

SINCERE THANKS

I would like to extend my most sincere thanks for all the lovely gifts and innumerable get-well wishes received, not only from the DA and CT departments, but also from many other friends in the store.

I am sorry that I was unable to see all of those kind persons who visited me during my first week in the hospital. I will write personal notes to my many friends as soon as I am well enough.

Sincerely yours,
Gertrude Beisen, CDK

HELPED A LOT

Want to thank you again with sincerest appreciation for the second check received under the Health Plan.

It has helped us a lot. Thanks again.

Respectfully yours,
Helen Ryan, SF

MANY THINGS

Herewith I would like to thank you for the many things that were

so important to my family and me just a few months ago.

May our Union go on growing stronger and better every day and continue having success toward helping every member, as you have helped me and many others.

Thanks again and again.

Tina Hartog, F13

HEALTH PLAN NOTE

If you plan to take a leave of absence (including maternity and military leave) for more than 30 days or if you leave the store and wish to continue your Health Plan coverage on a direct payment basis YOU MUST see the Local 1-S Health Plan Consultant at the Union office.

You are covered by The Health Plan only until the end of the month in which you leave the store, and have another 30 days within which to arrange for your direct payments.

If you, or a member of your family covered by the Health Plan enters the hospital you MUST call on the Union office for claim forms immediately on entering or as soon as possible thereafter.

Protect yourself — protect your family — protect your benefits. Be sure to come to the Union office on time.

Big things are happening—in Albany, Washington, Mississippi—and right in our own back yard. Why not share your views on any topic you think may be of interest to others besides yourself. Don't worry about being "controversial." Let's hear what's on your mind. Write your letter to the Editor today!

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